

HERE'S A LITTLE



Pointer for You

I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By MISS MAY CLEMATIS.

Annie. If you are tired of present conditions make a change.

Estelle. Some people will say harsh things about you, but so live that the world will not believe them.

M. M. Your marriage will no doubt be a happy one. You have the congratulations of the household.

E. T. There are times in life that we should keep our own counsel.

N. T. Don't allow others to persuade you from doing what is right. Stick to your old friends.

T. M. It is well to dress with taste. By no means put on if any colors.

Rosa. To believe that you can die, is better, than to be married, for the sake of being married.

Ida. This is an age of deception and take the advice of a friend and don't talk too much. Only one person is capable of keeping a secret.

Miss T. You tell the affair to your intimate friend, but why not keep it? There is no necessity of telling any one.

R. T. O. Be positive and truthful. Don't imagine that married life is all sun and shine. You will have your ups and downs.

Rachel. Good books are good teachers. Trashy novels will lead you astray.

Norah. Don't be of a changeable disposition. Cultivate good manners as well as good sense. A changeable person causes the loss of good friends.

Ivy. Don't imagine that you are pretty because others say so. Flattery is bestowed upon the weak mind. It is deception and nothing more.

M. J. You need to be congratulated. Your friends are proud of your success. It is the wish of many that you may be placed at the head. You are fully competent and it is hoped that the authorities may see it as we do.

Fredricka. You will get there soon if it is hard. You are deserving as well as qualified.

H. H. You should not become offended. Cultivate a sweet disposition. You should remember that true friendship is always found in one that is honest.

Those Who Will Most Assist Mrs. Roosevelt. The wives of the Cabinet officers will stand with Mrs. Roosevelt at the President's four New Year reception as well as all other White House functions of the kind. Each has the coveted distinction of officiating as dinner hostess to the President once every year. While Presidents are privileged to grace the board of any American home they are seldom entertained in Washington, except by their Cabinets or Vice Presidents. The Cabinet dinners to the President are given in the order of each Cabinet officer's social rank. During these functions it is sometimes the custom to present the Chief Magistrate with some memento of the occasion. Once when Secretary Morton thus formally (ined President Cleveland presented the latter with a handsome souvenir chair—November Ladies' Home Journal.

F. M. We often come to the conclusion that we can discard our old friend because we are doing well. You may need them some times and at a time we cannot recall our blunder.

F. M. Friends should not seriously take it often leads to disaster or a separation.

Tillie. Be a good listener always. Talk but a little and never commit yourself in anything.

The Social Life of Cabinet Officers.

The social rank of each Cabinet officer is reckoned according to his standing in the order of succession to the President, which is arranged according to the age of each executive department.

The State Department having been the first executive branch of the government created, the Secretary of State is the official and social head of the Cabinet and the first of its members to succeed to the Presidency, in the event of the death of both President and Vice-President. If the President were all to die before their successors had been appointed the Secretary of the Treasury would become President, because his is the second highest of the executive departments in rank.

The Secretary of War, Attorney-General, Postmaster-General, Secretary of the Navy, and lastly to the Secretary of the Interior. This indication thus indicates the social rank of each Cabinet officer in his own right.—The Ladies' Home Journal, November.

Miss I. T. Your questions were answered some time ago. Several events are more preferable. Never depend on one. Go alone rather than be accompanied. Never allow a young man to think that his company is needed.

Always assert your independence. Keep out of the bad company.

It is dangerous to be introduced to people you don't know.

Some girls like to be known and be regarded popular.

Popularity will not earn you a living.

It is the industrious girl that succeeds.

Don't marry a man with the expectation of sitting down all the time.

Be honest it will carry you successfully through life.

It is better to take your mother as a companion rather than be dependent.

Beauty is only a skin deep and it is like a rose. It is bound to fade.

Talk kindly to your friends, and you will retain their friendship.

Send in your questions before Thursday of each week.

Nina: The more ignorant a person is the more egotistic he sometimes becomes. I would advise no woman to marry a man who is her inferior intellectually.

It is hard to teach a person right from wrong after he gets past thirty-five summers. At this age people usually become set in their ways.

W. Be strong and courageous, you are too noble and good to pay attention to small things.

H. Before you advise others to be good, you should yourself be so.

Flossie: Had he asked for you sincerely, he would not have refused to call for you. When a man is trying to win a girl he will do anything to please her.

Laura: You think more of yourself than it is expedient to show.

Hattie: Do anything to improve your complexion, hair or teeth. The great fault with our girls is, they don't properly care for their personal attire.

Since broad shoes are the fad, any one may wear a rainy day dress.

Fannie: I never did approve of a lady visiting the home of her betrothed or even a gentleman caller, except she was in company with the gentleman. The appreciation of such calls are of short duration.

Lena: I am glad the popular South Washington doctor is married again. He did the honorable thing.

The person who tells his own affairs will exaggerate about others. If you are honest and are misjudged, never take the trouble to explain. Right will prevail.

No sensible person will bring personal feelings into business. Good deeds cannot be hidden.

Cowards oftentimes do an injury in a way that puts the blame on some one else. Cowardice and deceit go together.

Beware of the person who talks about her friend after they have had a falling out.

Addie: I believe in all denominations. The Catholic church is said to be the first church.

Archie: You say that Sunday is the beginning of a new week. Such being the case Saturday must be a day of rest and church. I shall always hold that Monday is the first day.

Girls: The raglan makes a splendid every day gown, but I do not like them for dressy occasions. If you can't buy a good one take my advice and get a macintosh instead.

Front Seats Preferred. A small hint to the traveler is that, other things being equal, the forward seats in a street or railway car are the most healthful. This is explained by the fact that the forward motion of the car carries a current of air backward, carrying with it the exhalations from the lungs of those in front.

FOOTLIGHT NOTES.

The Paris theaters give away an average of 8,500 free tickets daily. London people spend on an average seven shillings a year in theater tickets.

It is said that Pietro Mascagni, the Italian composer, has signed a contract for an eight weeks' tour in this country with an Italian orchestra, beginning early in the fall, for which he is to receive \$90,000.

Mme. Melba is a great lover of the River Thames, and for the third year in succession has taken a charming little house at Marlow, above London, in the Quarry Woods, with a lawn which runs down to the Thames.

ECHOES OF A BUSY WORLD.

In boring for oil at Beaumont, Tex., it is reported that a vein of pure sulphur 70 feet thick was discovered.

The last pine grove in Allegany county, N. Y., consisting of 490 trees, has just been sold to a lumberman for \$7,500. Some of the trees are five feet in diameter and 300 years old.

The use of acetylene abroad is very much more general than it is in this country. As an instance the Holland Railway company is erecting at Amsterdam a factory for the production of carbide, their intention being to employ acetylene for car lighting.

Manchester, N. H., is to have what it is claimed will be the largest single mill building ever erected. It is nearly completed, and is 770 feet long, with two wings of 330 feet, all of an average width of 100 feet, and five stories in height, including basement.

A monster lathe has just been made in Philadelphia. It is 86 feet long and its total weight is 135 tons. It has been constructed for preparing the 32 huge granite pillars to be used in building a new cathedral, each pillar weighing 160 tons. It has eight cutters and the granite block is reduced 1/4 inches in diameter at one pass over its length.

DOCTORS AN OSTRICH

Surgeon Operates on Big Bird Under Trying Conditions.

Professional Wrestler Succeeds in Downings the Unwilling Patient and the Doctor Then Treats Long Cut in the Bird's Neck.

A car load of ostriches came into Indianapolis by freight the other day. Their presence was made known by an impatient ring at the telephone of Dr. Garstang, local surgeon of the Big Four. The doctor answered.

"Can you treat ostriches?" a voice asked.

"I might," said the doctor, thinking some wag friend was talking. "Or I might treat parrots or humming birds, but I don't make a specialty of it."

"I'm not kidding," the voice continued, as he explained that he was the Brightwood station agent and that a car load of ostriches was "hung up" there. He further explained that one of the birds had accidentally cut its neck and there was fear that it was seriously injured.

Dr. Garstang at once communicated with Dr. W. B. Craig, veterinarian. Both leaped into the buggies and hurried to the Massachusetts avenue station, to which point the car containing the ostriches was taken from Brightwood. Dr. Craig was accompanied by Maurice Lynch, his driver, wherein he was lucky, as Maurice is a wrestler and boxer of no little consequence.

When the doctors entered the car they found it full of ostriches, whose long necks were as high as the roof and as low as the floor. Dr. Craig, who is almost as big as an ostrich himself, faced the largest group, containing nine. A big black ostrich darted out his head and tried to seize the doctor's Scottish Rite pin.



LIFTED ITS FOOT.

Another cleverly pulled off a suspenders buckle from an inquiring laborer who had intruded into the car. He fled. The injured ostrich was bleeding from a long wound in its neck.

Dr. Craig understood at a glance what was to be done. The wound must be treated with antiseptics and sewed up. The sewing, he said, would be like sewing a bootleg. But how to do this was a question. He appealed to the two men who had charge of the ostriches. Carl Kirkham, the keeper, said the only way was to get men enough to hold the ostrich. There was himself and his assistant, Fred White. They were about half enough. The doctor turned to Lynch.

"Here's your star engagement on the mat," he said.

Lynch said naught, but rolled up his sleeves. The box car was pulled alongside an empty car and a gangway constructed. Across this the ostrich was forced with some difficulty. The chief danger, Kirkham explained, was that injury makes an ostrich ferocious, and a blow from his foot is like the knockout blow of a mule. The keepers got the bird by its mighty wings and Lynch got a hammerlock hold.

There was a struggle, much grunting and a few expletives not usually printed, says the Indianapolis News, and then down went the ostrich. Lynch changed his hold and got a half-Nelson and a foot hold. The big bird tried vainly to rise again, but Lynch and the keepers had him foul.

Dr. Craig washed the wounds with antiseptics and took 20 stitches on each side. The injury was probably caused by a splinter and may be fatal. The neck was not banded, but was plastered with antiseptic dressing. Then the ostrich was allowed to rise and Lynch took a long breath.

"Shake," he said. "I have no hard feelings."

The big bird wheeled and lifted up its foot. It set it down alongside Lynch's left leg, and under it half of Lynch's trousers leg went too. Lynch received a new pair, with the compliments of the Big Four.

The 15 ostriches belong to Thomas A. Garstang, of Hot Springs, Ark. They were exhibited in the east and were reshipped to Mr. Cockburn's Arkansas ostrich farm from Long Branch, N. J. They are valued at \$1,500 each. Several percent got real ostrich feathers while the wrestling match between Lynch and the bird was in progress.

Alcohol Runs an Engine.

On a private railroad, used chiefly to carry coal to and from a brickyard in Prussia, a locomotive using alcohol as fuel is used. It was built for a society for the promotion of the use of spirits, which in that part of the world are largely produced in distilleries of large land holders to utilize sirup produced in making beet sugar, unmarketable potatoes, etc.

LOCKS UP MARRIED SON.

Severe Measures Adopted by Irate Father to Curb Youth's Affections Bring Him to Grief.

For keeping his 19-year old son a prisoner, fastened with chains, and whipping him, Barr McLein has been committed to jail at Anderson, S. C., charged with cruel treatment and assault. Henry McLein married without his father's consent. His parent had, in fact, prohibited his continuing attentions to Miss Florence Yancey, with whom Henry was in love. Florence was a near neighbor, and one of the only girls Henry was permitted to visit, and when he acknowledged to his



KEPT CHAINED.

father that he loved her this privilege was denied him. But love was stronger than fear of a stern father, and Henry made secret preparations to marry.

On the appointed evening he let himself down from his bedroom window, and went with his sweetheart to find a preacher. They were married and had reached the girl's home, when the elder McLein arrived, and, seizing his son, carried him forcibly from the presence of his young wife. The groom was kept a prisoner for days. Finally his bride and her parents laid the matter before a magistrate, and a warrant was issued for McLein. Henry was released, and went before the magistrate to give evidence against his father. He had, he said, been kept chained in a room and beaten.

The father was promptly committed for trial at the court of sessions. Henry McLein went from the court to his father-in-law's house, where he is now with his bride.

YOUNG WILLIAM TELL FAILS.

Daring Young Marksman Shoots His Father's Lip Instead of His Cigar.

The daring act of William Tell in shooting an apple from the head of his son found emulation the other night at a saloon at No. 414 Hughes avenue, Baltimore, but in this case it was the son who essayed the display of marksmanship, his father being the target.

Edward Thomas, Jr., 12 years old, has long been known as a crack shot. So proud has his father been of the fact that he has frequently allowed the boy to shoot apples from his head and cigars from his mouth. The other night Edward outdid himself.

The saloon was crowded, and when several strangers scouted the idea of



TOOK HIS STAND.

the son attempting, or the father permitting such a thing, the parent took his stand in a corner of the room, and, placing a lighted cigar in his mouth, ordered the boy to knock the ashes off with his trusty rifle.

Crack went the rifle, while the spectators stood on tiptoe to witness the feat. To their surprise, Edward, Sr., swerved about and fell to the floor. Thinking he was killed a doctor was hastily summoned, when it was found that the bullet had passed completely through his upper lip.

New Cure for Drunkenness.

Police of Paris are investigating a curious case. The wife of an engineer, whose husband was in the habit of beating her when he was drunk, reached the limit of patience the other day and determined to inflict a lesson on him. When he arrived home about two o'clock in the morning in the usual condition she conducted him into the workshop, flung him face downward, fastened him securely, and, taking the bellows from the forge, proceeded to blow him up. The pain he suffered brought him to his senses and his cries summoned the neighbors, who released him, seriously ill with peritonitis. His wife was arrested.

Her Message Was Declined.

An old lady of New Brunswick, N. J., came to New York city on a visit the other day, intending to return that night. She discovered that she had inadvertently carried the key of her home with her. Entering a telegraph office on Broadway, she put the key on the counter, saying: "Please send that to my husband, in New Brunswick, by telegraph, or he won't be able to get his dinner."

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NERVY ARIZONA GIRL.

It Would Take More Than a Big Snake to Destroy Her Remarkable Presence of Mind.

An incident occurred recently in which a 15-year-old girl displayed wonderful presence of mind and illustrated the value of good judgment and self-possession in all everyday affairs of life, as well as on extraordinary occasions, when the house takes fire or two trains try to pass on the same track.

In a ranch home not far from town, says the Arizona Republican, lives a family which, at the time mentioned, had in its employ a nurse to wait upon the lady of the house, who was in delicate health, and the girl referred to, whose duties were to wash the dishes



SEIZED THE NEAREST CLUB.

and attend to the minor household affairs.

One afternoon, when the head of the house was away from home, the three women were sitting in a room together when the girl noticed a snake of considerable size coiled up on a clothes-rack or shelf some distance above the floor, and craning its neck out and waving it to and fro in regular snake fashion. The girl knew the impressionable condition of her mistress and the possible effect upon her of any undue and sudden excitement. Her quick remembrance of this fact and her rapidly evolved plan of action were the proof of her self-possession.

She knew the prevailing madness of women to scream when anything unusual occurs, and therefore knew she could not even take the nurse into her confidence at once in the matter of the discovery of the snake without great danger of precipitating the climax she wanted to avoid. So she quietly said to her mistress: "I think I heard your husband calling you at the gate." The lady of the house at once withdrew, and as soon as she left the room the girl cautioned the nurse to make no outcry, and seizing the nearest club went after the reptile in a manner that put him out of business in short order. The nurse, of course, could not restrain a little demonstration when she first saw the snake, but she choked herself off in short order, and by the time the mistress of the house returned to tell the girl she must have been mistaken about the call, conditions in the room had resumed their usual serenity, and the girl admitted that she must have been dreaming when she fancied she heard the alarm outside.

Hint for American Solons.

When a dog in Japan disturbs the neighbors by barking at night, its owner is arrested and sentenced to work a year for the disturbed neighbors. The dog never barks again, for he is at once put to death.

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